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FOR: ALPHA-HYDROXY,-AMINO AND  
-FLUORO DERIVATIVES OF  
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SIR:

In response to the Official Action, mailed October 16, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following remarks. Please amend the above application as follows:

**In The Claims**

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4 (Twice Amended) A compound formula 8: